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PATENT CLAIMS.

1. Method for transferring longline hooks with bait (5) from a baiting machine (6) to a longline container (12), where each hook is fastened to the longline (3) via a snood (4), and the longline is set up to be arranged in a longline receptacle (37) in the longline container (12) while the hook/bait (5) is arranged in a hook/bait receptacle (16) adjacent to the longline receptacle (37), characterised in that simultaneously to the longline (3) being conducted mainly horizontally from the baiting machine via a conductor disc and down into the longline receptacle (37), the hook with bait (5) is transferred in an initial manoeuvre into a holder (8), and the holder is transferred mainly horizontally to an end position directly above the longline container (12), and then an ejector device (15) transfers the hook with bait (5) out of the holder (8) and downwardly into the hook/bait receptacle (16) of the longline container (12).
2. Method according to claim 1, characterised in that the hook/bait is pulled into the holder (8) through a first conductor casing (7) permanently fixed to the baiting machine (6), where the snood (4) runs through a slot in said first conductor casing (7), and the exit of the hook/bait (5) from the conductor casing (7) is level with the corresponding entrance to the holder (8).
3. Method according to claims 1 - 2, characterised in that when the holder (8) is in its end position above the longline container (12), an ejector device (15) pushes the hook/bait (5) out of the holder and downwardly through a second conductor casing (13) into the bait receptacle (16).
4. Method according to any of preceding claims, characterised in that the holder (8) movement to said end position is provided by operating a piston/cylinder unit, the holder (8) being assembled to the piston rod.
5. Method according to any of preceding claims, characterised in that the movement of the holder is assisted by the tension on the snood (4) via the longline (3) running over the conductor disc (1).
6. Method according to any of preceding claims, characterised in that the hook/bait (5) is placed in the holder (8) by pulling the snood through one of the

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